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SUBJECT: US-PRC EXCHANGES

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1. WE APPRECIATE USLO'S VIEWS AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL B AND AGREE WITH MUCH OF YOUR ANALYSIS. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO PRESS THE CSC TO POSTPONE THE VISIT OF THE SOLID STATE PHYSICS DELEGATION OVER THE ISSUE OF A VISA FOR BOCK AND ARE INCLINED TO TREAT THE ESCORT OFFICER QUESTION AS A SEPARATE MATTER FROM THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION ITSELF. SHOULD WE DECIDE THAT SOME RETAILIATION AGAINST THE CHINESE IS CALLED FOR IN THE BOCK CASE, THIS COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY TAKE THE FORM OF SOME ACTION AGAINST PRCLO ESCORTS FOR PRC DELEGATIONS THAN THROUGH PRESSURE ON THE CSC TO POSTPONE THE VISIT. OBVIOUSLY, IF THE CHINESE HAD TURNED DOWN A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION ITSELF, AS IN THE MOTE CASE, WE BELIEVE WE COULD EXPECT FULL CSC COOPERATION IN OPPOSING THE

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CHINESE MOVE. IN THIS CASE, WE DOUBT WE COULD EXPECT THE

CSC TO GO TO THE WALL FOR US SOLELY OVER THE PRINCIPLE OF  
OUR RIGHT TO ASSIGN ESCORTS FROM THE HONG KONG CONSULATE  
GENERAL. WE ARE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THE ENTIRE RANGE

OF PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA AND MAY HAVE SOME FURTHER  
THOUGHTS.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF THE MAYORS' DELEGATION, SINCE  
REF C WAS SENT WE HAVE LEARNED THROUGH NCUSCR THAT THOSE  
MAYORS POLLED ARE STANDING FIRM IN SUPPORT OF THE  
PRINCIPLE THAT UNLESS ROMERO-BARCELO IS REINSTATED, THE  
DELEGATION'S VISIT SHOULD BE CANCELED. MAYOR ALIOTO OF  
SAN FRANCISCO CABLED HUANG CHEN SATURDAY URGING RECON-  
SIDERATION AND FOLLOWED UP AUGUST 26 WITH A PERSONAL  
APPEAL AT THE AIRPORT IN SAN FRANCISCO. HUANG TOLD  
ALIOTO THAT HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PEKING AND HAVE AN ANSWER FOR THE  
MAYORS BY THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE DOUBT THAT LIN P'ING  
WILL RAISE THE MATTER WITH YOU AUGUST 28. WE ALSO  
PREFER TO LET THE MAYORS TAKE THE LEAD IN HANDLING THIS  
ISSUE AND DO NOT BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT USLO SHOULD  
BROACH THE SUBJECT. SHOULD LIN REFER TO THE MAYORS'  
CASE, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAYORS' DELEGATION, THROUGH ITS  
LEADER, MAYOR ALIOTO, HAS URGED THE PRC TO RECONSIDER ITS  
POSITION ON THE PARTICIPATION OF MAYOR ROMERO-BARCELO IN  
THE MAYORS' GROUP VISIT.

-- AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE USG HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN THE  
POSITION THAT POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE INJECTED  
INTO THE FACILITATED EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND THAT EACH SIDE  
SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT THE MEMBERS OF ITS  
FACILITATED EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS.

-- THE USG ACCORDINGLY SUPPORTS THE MAYORS' POSITION AND  
HOPES THAT THE PROBLEM CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

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